

him from obligation. Hereupon having entered into recognizance, and given bail, Husband was suffered to return home. A few days before the following Court, at which Husband was to be try'd, it appears that he went to Hillsborough; wether to engage an Attorney, or what else, is not certain; but when they got him there, they kep't him; for, by this time, the Town was strongly guarded with Soldiers, who suffered none to come in, or go out, but as they pleased. Husband describes his situation at Hillsborough, in the following words nearly, viz. "I could not even walk the Streets about the court-house, without being in[78.]sulted, at every turn, by the Soldiers, who ran upon me with fixed bayonets, so that I could not tell but that every step I took would be my last. I was once seized, by a Party of the Troops, and dragged into a Tavern, or publick house; there they fixed me to stand on a table, and in a ring surrounded me, to make sport; in this situation they kept me for some time; they who possess the feelings of human nature can conceive of my condition, and state of mind, better than I can describe them. I was at length released by the interposition of some Man, whom I took to be the commanding Officer." After suffering much for several days in the above manner, Husband was brought before the Court, where Fanning alleged that he had committed crimes, since his entering into Recognizance, which concerned his life. Upon this, Husband was committed once more close prisoner, not to the same Jail as before, but to a new one, built higher than the former, stockaded all around. Into an apartment of the Prison-House he was introduced, where were nine or ten persons, who saluted Mr. Husband, upon his entrance, with pointing to a Gallows, erected in this New High Jail, in the midst thereof. The apartment was so small that the prisoners were obliged either to lay one on the other, or while some attempted to close their eyes, stretched on the cold floor, others were obliged to stand. In this place, says our author, I had a fresh remembrance of what I had read of Inquisitions, East-India Imprisonments, &c! Having been thus confined for some time, Butler and Husband, were sent for, and admitted to bail, until the next Court: and this discovered the crimes alledged by Fanning, [79.] against Husband's Life; which were no other than these, Fan. saw that Husband would be able to prove in Court, the things he had charged the officers with; He saw also that the officers, and himself among them, had no way of coming off, but by setting